

IR Matters!



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Greetings, IR majors, alumni, colleagues, and friends!

We have reached the end of another semester and year. It has been a busy one, and we hope to give you a peek in this issue of *IR Matters!*

This semester, we welcomed two new colleagues into the department: Professor Emma Banks (Assistant Professor of International Relations) and Professor Oheneba Boateng (Visiting Assistant Professor of International Relations) who added exciting new courses to our repertoire and invited students to think about issues of sustainability, human security, environmental conflict, and humanitarianism. We are delighted that they chose to join us.

We held IR week from October 24-28, engaging the broader campus community with the world. This is a week-long series of events centering on global affairs and their study. This year, we began the week with a student panel. This panel featured students who did internships, studies abroad in unusual places, and did research with faculty. Alec Baker '23 spoke to us about his internship at the US Consulate in Finland, Helsinki, Abbie Coscia '23 reflected on her study abroad in the Galápagos Islands, Elena Roe '23 introduced us to the research she is doing on women leaders in Eastern Europe, and Lydia Hybels '24 and Viviane McMullen '24 gave us tips on how to chase internships. We are fortunate to have, year after year, great cohorts of students and take great pride in introducing them and their many talents to our IR community.

We continued IR week with a faculty panel exploring the fallout of the Ukraine war for North Atlantic security. Professors Joseph Jozwiak (IR), David Mitchell (IR & Political Science), and Luke Wood (Political Science) explored the foreign policy, security, and energy consequences of the ongoing war and generated a lively debate afterwards with attendees from all across our campus. Next was a public screening of the documentary *Powerlands* at our beautiful Campus Theatre. This documentary focuses on the displacement of indigenous peoples from their territories and the environmental and cultural

consequences these displacements have. The documentary was introduced by Prof. Emma Banks and the director and producer of the film, Ivey Camille Manybeads Tso and Jordan Flaherty. Our guests spent the day visiting classes and meeting with interested students, faculty, and staff. Their lively interactions with the Bucknell community not only shed light on challenges facing various indigenous communities across the world, but also invited us to consider issues of environmental justice. The Department is grateful to Professor Banks for the initiative she took to bring this film thought-provoking documentary to campus. We ended the week with an excellent alumni panel which brought back to campus four distinguished IR alumni to share their wisdom and experiences with our students. Sarah Bunker '12 (Gender Data Scientist at the World Bank), Jenna DiPaolo Colley '07 (Chief Communications Officer, Greenpeace), Rylan Forester '21 (Guidepoint), and Asha Harvey '15 (Deloitte Greenhouse) shared their paths beyond Bucknell and invited our students to imagine where their Bucknell education can take them. This was also the first time we were able to host our alumni on campus since the start of the pandemic and it was such fun and a great treat.

Our students have been very busy, too. We're always so amazed at their many talents in and outside of the classroom and very pleased to see how they combine their studies with extracurricular passions. You'll see a great example of how our students embody the creative spirit of the liberal arts in Nabeel Jan's piece on his experiences directing the first year play this fall.

As this semester and year winds down, we are excited about the new year and semester that lie just ahead. My colleagues join me in wishing everyone a healthy and peaceful 2023! As always, please stay in touch and send us your news. If you are in the area, we'd love a visit.

Professor and Chair, International Relations

IR Welcomes Professors Banks and Boateng

IR is delighted to welcome Professors Banks and Boateng.

Professor Banks teaches courses on Human Security, Environmental Conflict & Security, and developments, Disasters, & Displacement.

Professor Boateng is offering courses on the IR of Africa, Globalization, Humanitarianism, and International Security.



Photo courtesy of Prof. Banks

Professor Emma Banks, Assistant Professor of International Relations

I am an environmental anthropologist and solidarity activist. I hold a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. My research focuses on how marginalized communities reinvent themselves to accommodate extractive capitalism and how these same communities are at the forefront of creating a more sustainable future. I have worked with Indigenous Wayúu and Afro-descendant communities displaced by the Cerrejón Coal Mine in La Guajira, Colombia since 2013. As part of my ongoing commitment to social justice in the region, I am part of a network of solidarity activists that support local movements for a just post-coal future. I have also contributed to human rights work in Colombia including a July 2021 mission to investigate government violence against protestors.

At Bucknell, I am looking forward to incorporating students in my research and solidarity work. I plan to include students in future delegations to Colombia to meet with communities impacted by coal mining. I also direct a community-based archive project called the Archivo Afro Guajiro (<http://www.afroguajiro.digitalprojects.network/>) and would like to have students help me expand the project in its next phase.

I will teach courses in human security including courses in environmental conflict, Indigenous studies, political violence, and displacement. You can read more about my work at emmabanksphd.com



Photo courtesy of Prof. Boateng

Professor Oheneba Boateng, Visiting Assistant Professor of International Relations

I am a political scientist and historian of international relations and globalization. His research interests include African politics, humanitarianism, international security politics, postcolonial and decolonial theories, and the international relations of Africa and the Global South.

In my work, I investigate how social accountability affects the success of humanitarian and disaster responses. Specifically, my research probes questions of responsibility, accountability, trust, and the exercise of power in disaster zones. I am currently investigating post-disaster trust-building processes in Liberia and Sierra Leone. I hold a PhD from Free University of Berlin, Germany. For my doctoral work, I investigated the impact of power imbalances on humanitarian outcomes. Specifically, I examined how asymmetries in normative and material power between global humanitarian actors and regional organizations in Africa have affected humanitarian responses on the continent since the 1960s. Ultimately, I recommend that humanitarian partners must always pay attention to how power dynamics between them shape humanitarian action.

IR Week Invites Our Campus to Engage with the World

When BSG approached us in Spring 2017 to see if we would be interested in holding a series of events that focused on the work of the department, we didn't initially anticipate an annual event. Our first IR week convinced us, however, that doing so would be a great way to showcase the talent and expertise of our students, alumni, and faculty, while also inviting our campus and the rural community in which it is nestled to grapple with the wider world. IR week is now in its fifth year. It is held this semester between October 24-28, 2022 and presented the campus with five events. Below, we capture the highlights of the week.

IR Student Panel

We kicked off IR week with a panel of IR students who did internships, studied abroad, and/or engaged in undergraduate research. Our panel of five students told us of their experiences and provided peers with some practical tips. In explaining what drew them to the IR major, they referenced the versatility of the major, the ability to craft a tailored academic course of study by combining area concentrations and thematic tracks, the attention placed on multidisciplinary, language acquisition, and the practical applications of the major to a wide variety of careers. In their remarks, they highlighted the benefits of a variety of skills they found helpful as they chased internships and other professional opportunities. The skills our students singled out included practicing leadership, organization, and time management, all skills that can be honed in their classes. In addition to mastering another language, a vital skill in today's international workforce and environment, the ability to write compellingly for a variety of audiences is a must. IR's writing-intensive courses, such as Theories of International Relations and all of our senior seminars are driven by this necessity and provide students with opportunities to practice their writing skills. Engaging in undergraduate research, whether through writing an honors thesis or working with a professor on a mutual research project, not only sharpens these skills further, but also generates concrete writing samples with which to approach potential employers or graduate schools. Effective communication skills, written or oral, are what almost all employers need and search for. Acquiring these skills as early as possible and polishing them often are smart professionalization efforts. Here are our panelists, in their own words.

Professor Uçarer

Alec Baker '23

I am a senior International Relations and German Studies double major. Last summer I served as a summer intern at the consular sector of the U.S. Embassy of Helsinki. Working virtually, I coordinated and organized U.S. citizenship renunciation appointments, reestablishing connections dating back to 2019 because of a backlog caused by Covid-19, effectively shutting down the renunciations department.

As for advice, I would highly recommend that anyone should apply early for internships and funding. I was not sure if I would be able to attain funding, but I applied for the BPIP fund and it made a massive difference in my experience living in Helsinki, Finland alone.

Abbie Coscia '23

I am a senior from Massachusetts majoring in International Relations with double minors in legal studies and business through the College of Management. During the spring semester I studied abroad in the Galapagos Islands and in the Amazon Rainforest through the organization IES. I took numerous classes on international business and classes on natural science as well. It was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience to study in places like the middle of the Amazon Rainforest and numerous different islands within the Galápagos. Between becoming fluent in Spanish with my host family, traveling on breathtaking field trips every week, making connections with professors from other universities or exploring the relationship between nature/preservation and international business, I would recommend this trip to all Bucknell students. After returning, I began my summer internship as a Congressional Intern at the U.S. Capitol for Congressman Richard Neal (MA). My daily life as an intern usually consisted of shadowing the congressman at debates and meetings throughout the day. When I was not doing this, I would work on identifying and summarizing the key important points of current bills being debated on and passed in Congress. This was again another once-in-a-lifetime experience to get to work for one of the most powerful congressmen in the country. Advice to any Bucknell student interested in an internship like this: I would say apply through your own state's congressmen or congresswomen or senators because they will always prefer in-state applicants.

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Viviane McMullen '24



IR Student Panel participants, from left: Alec Baker ,23, Elena Roe ,23, Abbie Coscia ,23, Viviane McMullen '24, Lydia Hybels '24

Photo courtesy of Professor Uçarer

Lydia Hybels '24

I am a junior from Marblehead, Massachusetts. I am pursuing a double major in International Relations and Economics and a minor in dance, and I decided to intern with The [Borgen Project](#) for the summer of 2022. The Borgen Project believes that leaders of the most powerful nation on earth, the United States, should be doing more to address global poverty. Their mission is to make poverty a focus of United States foreign policy by mobilizing both our political leaders and citizens to act. I interned in the human resources department and worked to get in touch with universities and make them aware of The Borgen Projects' opportunities for involvement, whether that's through internships or volunteering. In addition, I was calling and emailing my congressional leaders daily, had the opportunity to meet with Congress and explain The Borgen Project's mission and my passion for the subject, launch a successful fundraising campaign, and engage my community to mobilize Congress as well. This was an incredible internship opportunity and I encourage all of you to apply! My greatest advice is to remember that an internship is an opportunity to discover more about yourself, and what will fuel you in a future career: there may be trial and error and you may not intern at your dream location right away, but that is normal! As a result of this internship I confirmed my passion for creating a world in which there is an absence of poverty and suffering; however, this internship was online and completely on your own, and I learned that I thrive

more in an in-person location collaborating with others.

Viviane McMullen '24

I am a junior International Relations major with double minors in Legal Studies and Film Studies. I worked in the Massachusetts State House in the office of Representative Dylan Fernandes, where my primary tasks were to attend briefings on pending legislation, respond to communications from constituents, help manage the representative's social media, and summarize relevant press clippings. **Advice:** Keep emailing! Most offices and organizations get flooded with applications, and the best way to make your name known is to keep reaching out via email or phone calls.

Elena Roe '23

I am a senior International Relations major and Russian Studies minor from Oxford, PA. This summer, I conducted independent research through the Bucknell Institute for Public Policy. This grant spanned two projects, the first of which I have been conducting since my first year on the counterterrorism policies of women heads of state. Through this study, I worked with Professor Courtney Burns to develop case study analyses on the counterinsurgency strategies of female executives cross-nationally, as well as their rhetorical choices and consequences for policy and public opinion. I presented this research with Prof. Burns at the European Conference on Politics and Gender in Ljubljana, Slovenia in July. The second project is a transition into my Honors Thesis, which studies the rise of women executives in Eastern Europe.

The Russian Invasion of Ukraine and North Atlantic Security



Photo courtesy of Professor Uçarer

On October 25, in conjunction with International Relations Week, the Bucknell Institute of Public Policy offered a faculty panel on the Ukraine war. Professors Luke Wood, David Mitchell and Joe Jozwiak presented. Dr. Wood focused on the situation on the ground, Dr. Mitchell proffered on US foreign policy, and Dr. Jozwiak reported on the prospects and consequences of German cooperation. The presentation started with a conversation about the current situation in Ukraine. Dr. Wood traced the developments on the battlefield, noting that the initial Russian advances that marked beginning of the war had been largely pushed back. At the beginning of the war, most experts looking at the military balance of forces and assessments of their capabilities suggested that Ukrainian forces could be overwhelmed rather quickly. After some initial battlefield successes, it quickly became apparent that the Russian offensive was losing its initial momentum. Through a combination of Russian errors, including poor military planning and the inability to re-supply its forces due to stretched supply lines and other logistical difficulties, they were unable to continue the offensive. Of course, the spirited Ukrainian defense actions, the mass mobilization of Ukrainian society, and the continually expanding support from the US, NATO and the West, the tide on the battlefield changed and the Ukrainian forces were able to stabilize the lines in the summer. Over the course of the summer, the conflict was marked by small-scale skirmishes on the battlefield. But more noteworthy was the continual Russian artillery bombardment of Ukrainian cities and critical

infrastructure.

In the late summer and into fall Ukrainian forces have been able to re-capture most of the land that was seized by the Russian forces. Western material support has been critical to the Ukrainian battlefield success and the introduction of the HIMARS weapon system has provided the Ukrainians the ability to strike behind the front lines. This has allowed the Ukrainians to strike Russian military targets such as arms caches and fuel depots as well as striking command and control centers and other operational targets. These efforts, combined with a successful feint on the northeast, allowed the Ukrainians to seize considerable territory in the south, essentially restoring the lines to the status quo ante. The Ukrainians also extended their reach into Russian territory by an audacious attack on the bridge connecting Crimea (which has been seized by the Russians in 2014) to the greater Russian land mass. All these actions placed tremendous pressure on the Russian forces and as of this writing (early December) they were in further retreat, having recently lost the only major city it had captured, Kherson, at the end of November.

Dr. Mitchell's presentation analyzed the Ukraine-Russia conflict from the perspective of US foreign policy, looking at the challenges to continual support, as well as dealing with the intricacies of cooperation with NATO and the European Union. Maintaining a consistent opinion amongst these organizations has

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The German government, as well as the governments of many other EU member states, is considerably concerned about the spiraling costs of energy to consumers. While the government has promoted subsidies to households and businesses, expanded its efforts to import liquid natural gas (largely from the US), and price caps on Russia oil worked out with the EU in early December, there is nonetheless real angst over what the winter holds.

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not always been easy, but military cooperation has been relatively straightforward, characterized by the transfer of supplies from NATO, drawing down first the stocks of older weapons from the immediate post-Soviet era. The difficulties in this area are evidenced in debates over the quantity, and especially the quality, of the weapons shipped. Unsurprisingly, the Ukrainians have been asking, sometimes rather forcefully, for additional military support, ranging from additional artillery shells and small arms ammunition to the abovementioned HIMARS and air defense systems. Further asks for more offensive weaponry have not been as well received by NATO and the US. The alliance was unwilling to send additional aircraft to bolster the Ukrainian air force in the summer. It has also been, unwilling to date, to send additional armor, specifically the Marder tank from Germany.

In the question and answer session that followed the three initial presentations, US domestic politics and its support was considered, especially in light of the November off-year elections. While the Democrats were able to hold onto the Senate, the Republicans were elected to the majority. In the election campaigns and subsequent post-election comments by prospective GOP leaders suggested that there would not be a “blank check” for Ukraine. Dr. Mitchell noted that there would be numerous ways in which, even in the light of reduced funding, that the US could support the US, either procedurally by re-purposing executive branch budgets or by moving weapons out of existing stockpiles and shipping them to Ukraine and then asking Congress for additional money to refill them. Again, much like the battlefield situation, many issues remain unresolved and questions of the degree of US support await the new Congress that will be seated in the new year.

While the US's future position on the war may become more ambivalent in the new year, the German stance has been marked by consistent hesitancy. Dr. Jozwiak noted that the sources of this attitude are three-fold: the desire of the Germans to maintain some form of Ostpolitik, the dependence of the German economy on Russian natural gas, and the concern over domestic disgruntlement in the face of falling winter temperatures. Ostpolitik is a long-standing approach to foreign policy and is most prominently espoused by the Social Democratic Party, which currently holds the chancellorship. Originally formulated in the 1960s as a consequence of the Cold War, Willy Brandt sought to maintain ties with the Soviet Union, important as the Germany was divided into two parts. This was deemed as a way to keep open the possibility, even if very remote, of a future re-unification of Germany. One way to

maintain these ties was through economic exchange and the Soviets were able to supply energy, either oil or natural gas.

Following the tenets of *Ostpolitik*, the first gas pipelines were laid in the 1970s. Over the decades this remained an important source of economic contact and political cooperation. The agreement to construct a newer line, the Nordstream 1, was finalized in the late 1990s and its construction was completed in 2011. This was possible through extensive domestic consensus building inside of Germany with multiple industrial partners agreeing to support it as well as achieving widespread political support. A second pipeline, the Nordstream 2, was negotiated between the two countries in the 2000s. This second pipeline was the subject of a great deal of controversy, with the US arguing forcefully in the summer of 2022 that the final connection should not be made, and noting that additional imports would only deepen Germany's dependence on Russian gas (which comprised about two-thirds of their imports). Eventually, the Scholz administration agreed, which set aside a potential policy dispute between the two allies. In the aftermath of the invasion, the vast majority of political parties in Germany have belatedly recognized some of their geopolitical short-sightedness. Interestingly, one of the two pipes in the pipeline was destroyed in the late September 2022, which the EU believes to have been a deliberate act of sabotage by the Russians.

The third aspect of Germany's ambivalence over the war is situated in its energy dependence, which is exacerbated by the approach of winter. The German government, as well as the governments of many other EU member states, is considerably concerned about the spiraling costs of energy to consumers. While the government has promoted subsidies to households and businesses, expanded its efforts to import liquid natural gas (largely from the US), and price caps on Russia oil worked out with the EU in early December, there is nonetheless real angst over what the winter holds.



Professor Joseph Jozwiak

Powerlands: Filmmakers Bring Indigenous Environmental Documentary to Campus Theatre

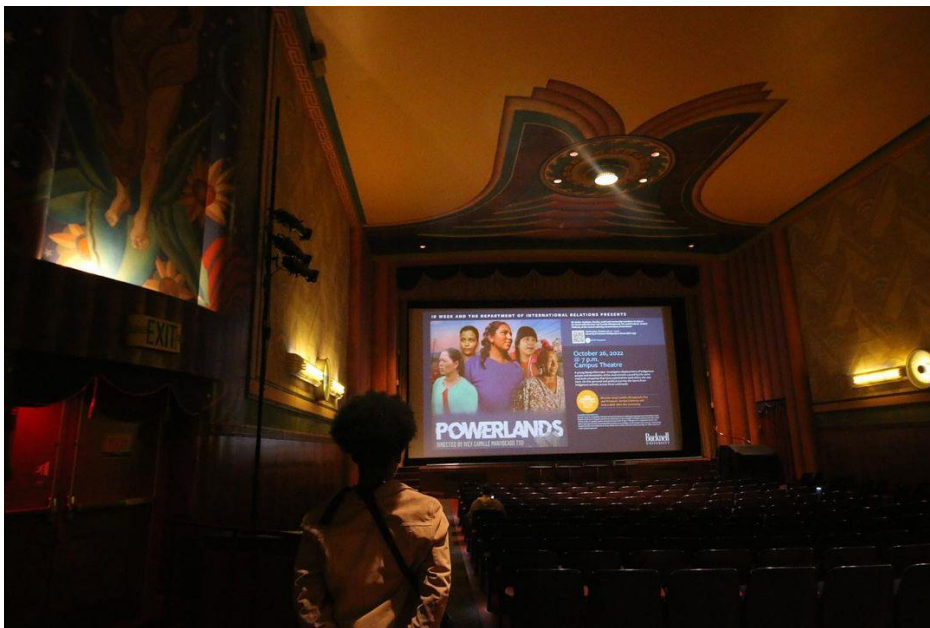


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On October 26th, the International Relations department held a special screening of the award-winning documentary *Powerlands* as part of IR week. *Powerlands* traces director Ivey Camille Manybead Tso's journey from her home in the Navajo Nation to meet other Indigenous peoples displaced by energy companies in Colombia, Mexico, and the Philippines. Ivey Camille shares her experience learning from Indigenous activists in three different continents about resisting displacement and protecting the natural world. *Powerlands* highlights the human costs of cheap energy. The film also shows the importance of supporting Indigenous resistance movements fighting for a more just and sustainable world.

After the film, Ivey Camille and producer Jordan Flaherty held a Q&A session with the audience. They gave more details about the making of the film, including the challenges of filming in multiple locations on an indie project budget. They gave insight into the brilliant soundtrack of Daniel French (from the band Las Cafeteras) that matched the feeling and ambience of each place Ivey Camille visits in the film. They also answered questions about activism and the fate of Indigenous communities. Ivey Camille reminded us that all people have ancestors and traditions that can guide us into creating a more just and kinder world. Jordan offered insights on standing in solidarity with

Indigenous movements to push for environmental and climate policy change.

During their visit, Ivey Camille and Jordan also participated in a lunch with students at Multicultural Student Services, which included discussions about social justice, finding one's roots, and building movements. They also guest lectured in Professor Banks' Environmental Conflict and Security Class, answering student questions about environmental activism.

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Professor Emma Banks

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Four Alumni Return to Bucknell for IR Week

As our last event for IR week, we had the pleasure of hosting four distinguished IR alumni as they returned to campus for IR week. Sarah Bunker '12, Jenna DiPaolo Colley '07, Rylan Forester '21, and Asha Harvey '15 joined a lively group of students and faculty as we collectively imagined paths beyond Bucknell. This was the first time we've been able to host an in-person alumni panel since the pandemic. Incidentally, our alumni panel in Spring 2020 was the last public event IR did just a week before going remote. Although meeting up with alumni through the new possibilities afforded by Zoom is great, and we are grateful that we were able to continue our alumni panels in this manner even through the pandemic, we were especially glad about the extended conversations afforded by an in-person visit. As you will see from what follows, we had a group of alumni who, as usual, shared their time and wisdom generously and answered many questions from the students in attendance. We were also pleased to see that it wasn't only IR students who sought out their wisdom, confirming our belief that an interest in international affairs spreads wide at Bucknell.

We asked them to share their stories and advice for Bucknellians. As with the student panel, a number of common themes emerged. All of our guests were double majors in languages (Arabic, French, Italian Spanish, Russian) and they all harped on the advantages their language skills provided for them in their careers. They emphasized the importance of having supportive networks. "None of us got here by ourselves," said Jenna DiPaolo Colley '07. They advised students to patiently build their networks and be open to different opportunities. They emphasized the importance of good writing skills (practiced at Bucknell in honors theses and research projects). The ability to view the world from multiple perspectives (a principle that drives our emphasis on multidisciplinary) is critical, as is exposure to classes with practical and hands-on learning opportunities such as simulations,

GIS and data analysis. In the following, you'll read in more detail their stories and advice.

Professor Uçarer

Sarah Bunker '12 - Gender Data Scientist, World Bank

Major: International Relations, Italian



Photo courtesy of Sarah Bunker '12

Sarah Bunker is currently working for the World Bank in both the Gender Group and the Development Data Group, where she is consulting as a gender data scientist who manages several programs that aim to improve the collection, quality, and use of gender statistics in order to spark policy discussion and better inform decision-making. She works with National Statistics Offices in Africa and Asia to train statisticians on how to improve the collection, measurement, and dissemination of statistics related to women's economic empowerment: data on employment, time use, ownership and control over assets like land, housing, mobiles and entrepreneurship. In her work she also manages efforts to improve the accessibility and usability of sex-disaggregated data and gender statistics for policymakers, journalists, and civil society organizations through data visualizations and data stories via the [Gender Data Portal](#).

Prior to joining the World Bank, Sarah worked for 5 years at Georgetown University full-time in the Office of Global Services while working part-time towards her Master's in Public Policy from the McCourt School specializing in international development. While there, she was able to engage in development consulting work in various countries in Africa, the Caribbean, and Europe through courses and school organizations. Through these experiences, she conducted and designed evaluations, monitoring and

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IR alumni Return to Campus, Cont'd

evaluation (M&E) plans, and household surveys for WASH, education, health, and girls' empowerment program.

Sarah is a Posse Scholar from Boston as well as a Fulbright Scholar (2012-2013 cohort). She spent her Fulbright year in Saratov, Russia just after graduating from Bucknell, where she engaged University students on taboo topics like marriage equality, social norms, human rights, and humanitarian issues. She also split her junior year between Bologna, Italy and a Semester at Sea where she circumnavigated the globe allowing her to conduct fieldwork in several countries. At Bucknell, she was also a Junior Fellow for the Languages and Culture Res College and a Sigma Iota Rho member. She is fluent in Hungarian, Italian and Russian and looks forward to finding a way to professionally integrate languages and travel.

Career Advice: International relations is an incredibly wide umbrella and there are many directions you could go in on your journey towards a fulfilling career. This is why you see the IR alumni with such diverse experiences and careers. No two alumni follow the same path. The field or sector you think you want to go in while you're studying may not actually be the one you end up in for the majority of your career so it's important to be open-minded and try different sectors. Perhaps you want to be a diplomat in the foreign service, but you do an internship or have an early career job working on nutrition with children in a foreign country, which leads you more to a Public Health career. You have endless possibilities, so really tune in and be reflective of each experience in what you like and don't like about it to shape your path.

Jenna DiPaolo Colley '07 - Chief Communications Officer, Greenpeace USA

Major: International Relations, Art History

Jenna is the Chief Communications Officer of Greenpeace USA. As a member of Greenpeace USA's executive team, Jenna is committed to building the strategic communications muscle necessary to deliver change at the scale and pace necessary to avoid the worst of the climate crisis. She is dedicated to ensuring that Greenpeace USA shows up in the wider progressive movement and in the minds of supporters as a key ally in bringing about the world we deserve.



Photo courtesy of Jenna DiPaolo Colley '07

Prior to joining Greenpeace USA, Jenna spent a decade leading the communications and development department at the Rights and Resources Initiative, the global Secretariat supporting the rights and alliances of Indigenous Peoples from the world's tropical forests. Her work history also includes time at the Alliance for Justice, the International Office of the United States Navy, and the American Cancer Society's C4 sister organization, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

Jenna is passionate about human rights, the environment, and climate solutions, and committed to cultivating a culture of respect, growth, accountability, and excellence on her teams. She lives in Washington, DC, where she loves being outside and spending time with her partner (Ryan), 7-year-old son (Enrico), and dog (Macaroon Cuddles, who was clearly named by a young child). She grew up in Buffalo, NY, and has a BA in International Relations and Art History from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania and a MA in Human Rights from George Washington University in the District of Columbia.

Career Advice: Be open. Whatever your first few jobs are, take every opportunity to develop your skills. Add "Distinguishing qualifications" to your resume that highlight what you do best and how it applies to the job to which you're applying. Seek out informational interviews with folks in your network and get advice on your resume. None of us know where we're going to end up, but I am certain that an openness to learning new things, trying new things, and finding work that I am passionate about is a huge reason that I am in a job I love today.

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**Rylan Forester '21 – Research Manager,
Client Services, Guidepoint**

Major: International Relations, Arabic & Arabic
World Studies



Photo courtesy of Rylan Forester '21

Rylan Forester is a Research Manager at Guidepoint working on their Client Services team. In this role, he manages client relationships and services client project requests by researching, identifying, and screening knowledgeable industry experts across a variety of sectors including: Healthcare, Technology, Media, Telecom, Energy, Industrials, Financial & Business Services, Consumer Goods and Services.

Prior to joining Guidepoint in 2021, Rylan attended Bucknell University earning a B.A. in International Relations and Arabic Studies. Aside from the standard curriculum, Rylan attended the Middlebury Language School to study Arabic and also worked for the International Institute of New England as an ESL instructor for Immigrants and Refugees in the Massachusetts area. In the Spring of 2020, Rylan studied abroad in Amman, Jordan to further his Arabic speaking abilities which led to him serving as a Teaching Assistant for Arabic 101 and 102 classes his senior year.

Rylan has a deep interest in foreign affairs and current events. He has conducted research on the Arab-Israeli Abraham Accords as part of his Senior Thesis research as well as writing educational reports on Middle East affairs for the group ACE, Alliance for Citizen Engagement, a trusted, national, nonprofit, think tank driven by the next generation of policy researchers. Rylan currently lives in New York City and enjoys traveling, trying new foods (especially those from the Middle East).

Career Advice: If I had one piece of advice it would be if one door closes, another opens. I thought I had a good idea of what I wanted to pursue post-

graduation but ultimately you need to keep an open mind. Some of the best opportunities in my life have come about because I was rejected from my first choice just to have an equally good and interesting option come along. I believe any opportunity where you can learn, grow and be given responsibilities can be beneficial. All in all, pursue your passions but don't be dismayed by rejection; embrace it and know your hard work will lead to an equally valuable opportunity.

**Asha Harvey '15 – Senior Consultant,
Deloitte Greenhouse**

Major: International Relations, Spanish



Photo courtesy of Asha Harvey '15

Asha is a sustainability professional with experience in project management, operations, and business development and has worked across a variety of diverse stakeholders from public institutions, to private actors, and international NGOs.

After completing a dual BA in International relations (focused on Global Governance) and Spanish language at Bucknell, Asha gained valuable experience managing USAID-funded projects across Latin America and Southeast Asia. She was then offered an opportunity to be based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where she worked with an impact investment non-profit NGO that provides access to innovative finance and knowledge sharing to growth-stage social enterprises. This is where Asha was first exposed to the world of corporate sustainability and has since focused her career on accelerating the sustainability transition.

To achieve this goal, Asha then moved to the Netherlands, where she obtained a MSc in Sustainable Business and Innovation from Utrecht University. Now, based in NYC as a Lab Manager with the Deloitte Greenhouse, Asha spends her time

“Some of the best opportunities in my life have come about because I was rejected from my first choice just to have an equally good and interesting option come along... All in all, pursue your passions but don't be dismayed by rejection; embrace it and know your hard work will lead to an equally valuable opportunity.”

*Rylan Forester '21
Research Manager
at Guidepoint*

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as a thought-partner to senior account leaders across businesses, industries and geographies. Her current role within Deloitte’s innovation arm involves leveraging design thinking, innovation frameworks, creative metaphors, and (virtual) facilitation techniques with the ultimate intention of creating long-term shared value. Asha is also an active Posse Alumna and is passionate about both mentoring and creating opportunities for future leaders.

Career Advice: At this stage of your career, you cannot make mistakes. Each failure and success should serve as a lesson – a guide for how you can develop as both a person and professional. Give yourself grace as you navigate these lessons. Be both proactive and fearless in leveraging your network. Remember that your next opportunity is only a phone call or email away and that you have the agency to define and redefine your career as you continue to grow and evolve.

Having a Voice



*Photo courtesy of Nabeel Jan ‘23
Photo taken while working with the Kodachrome cast.*

This fall, I had the opportunity to direct Kodachrome, by Adam Szymkowicz, for the Bucknell Theatre Department. I was offered the opportunity to apply for this after assistant directing Appropriate (last fall’s MainStage production) and taking the directing class with Professor Anjalee Deshpande Hutchinson. As a double major in International Relations and Film Studies, I’ve spent my last four years cultivating skills in both the arts and political science. While it might not seem like it, the commonalities between these

two areas are numerous. Namely, I wholly believe that the leadership and communication skills I gained through IR are what allowed me to successfully execute this theatre production.

In directing this play, a majority of my work revolved around understanding every letter of the script before I began rehearsals. Starting in the spring, I was tasked with interpreting what is said, when and why it is revealed, and what remains unspoken so I could imbue it in my ground plan and character choices when I began building the set and casting the roles. This felt surprisingly similar to classes where we analyze theory and foundational texts within International Relations before applying it to the modern day: understanding not only the actions of the actors but the motivations and “why” behind who they are is what makes a play effective or an International Relations scholar persuasive. This battle of communication, trying to convey complex emotions in a potent and concise way is the crux of the challenge of directing, and a skill set I credit to classes such as International Law and IR Theory.

As a senior, I am also beginning my culminating experiences in both International Relations and Film. Reflecting on my time at Bucknell, I’m incredibly thankful to have had the opportunity to cultivate two potential careers that interest me. The support I have received from IR faculty in my artistic endeavors, and from Film professors in my IR work has astonished me, and has motivated me to find a way to utilize them both in an intersectional way. As I begin an Honors Thesis in Film, I am undertaking a process that is more ambitious than any project I have done before. Beginning in June, I have developed a script, written grant proposals, began pre-production, assembled a cast and crew, location scouted, and prepared to create a professional film production for this project. In every step of this journey, I recognize the effect that IR has had on my organizational skills and frankly what drives me to continue to tell stories.

Within the International Relations major, what I am most thankful for is the emphasis that is placed on having a voice: as a leader, scholar, and thinker, having a say is incredibly important, and knowing when and how you use it is an incredibly powerful tool.

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Nabeel is an International Relations and Film & Media Studies double major. His IR concentrations are Latin America and Global Governance & Conflict Resolution. Nabeel is also the Vice President of the student a capella group Beyond Unison, and the President of the Class of 2023.

IR Faculty News

Professor Uçarer published an article entitled "[EU Asylum Governance and E\(xc\)lusive Solidarity: Insights from Germany.](#)" In this article, she discusses the failed attempts at solidarity in the European Union to address the 2015 influx of refugees into the EU.

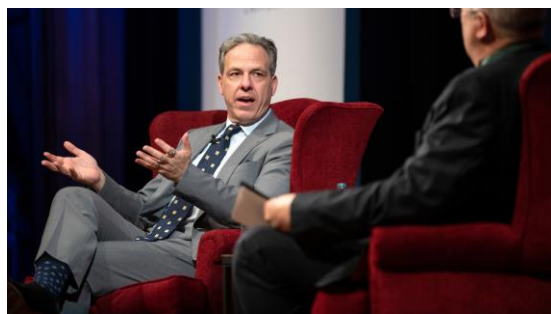
Professor Zhu spent the semester on sabbatical on a Fulbright in Australia.

Alumni News

In this section, we highlight news from our alumni. Let us know what you are doing by sending us an email to international-relations@bucknell.edu. We would also welcome short submissions on projects or perspectives.

Meg Pomeroy '22. I'm beyond excited to report that in October, I started a new position as Paralegal on the Capital Markets team at Dentons law firm in New York City. As a paralegal, my primary duty is to support the attorneys on my team by preparing documents for legal transactions. As a former International Relations and Italian Studies double major, it's been fascinating to see the different applications of my liberal arts degree and to work at the intersection of law and finance.

Of Note: Campus News and Events



[Bucknell Forum Speaker Jake Tapper Offers insight into Polarization, Disinformation, Media in American Politics.](#) The distinguished journalist and CNN news anchor joined President Bravman on the Weis Center stage for an in-depth discussion.



[Bucknell Celebrates Solar Project Completion.](#)

The 1.76 megawatt solar array, near the West Athletic Fields and Bucknell Golf Club, will move Bucknell closer to achieving its climate neutrality goals.



[Condoleezza Rice Discusses "The State of American Democracy" As Bucknell Forum Returns.](#) 66th US Secretary of State and National Security Adviser conducts candid Zoom conversation with President Bravman before Weis Center audience.



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